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C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 1082

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE MEETING A CONAKRY

REF: CONAKRY 1081. OUAGADOUGOU 1721 BAMAKO 2628

1. DOWN TO LAST MINUTE 11 JULY THERE WAS NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPARTURE TIMES FOR VISITING PRESIDENT TRAORE OF MALI AND LAMIZANA OF UPPER VOLTA WHILE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, GOG MINISTERS AND LARGE ORGANIZED CROWD SPENT VIRTUALLY ENTIRE DAY AT AIRPORT. BOTH PRESI-DENTS FINALLY LEFT AT 1500, TRAORE IN SPECIAL AIR MALI PLANE TO BAMAK
O
AND LAMIZANA ACCOMPANIED BY SEKOU TOURE IN GUINEAN PLANE FOR OUAGADOUGOU. DEPARTURE OF TOURE WAS SO SUDDEN AND CLOSELY GUARDED THAT EVEN SENIOR GOG OFFICIALS WERE TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND THERE WAS
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AUDIBLE GASP FROM AIRPORT CROWD AS TOURE BOARDED PLANE.

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2. GUINEAN RADIO IN EVENING BROADCAST ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE WITH NO NEWS AS TO DURATION OF STAY, AND READ SEVEN POINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY PRESIDENTS. COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED RECONCILIATION BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA, RENOUNCED USE OF FORCE, AND ACCEPTED POLITICAL SOLUTION OF BORDER PROBLEMS IN NAME OF AFRICAN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY. TRAORE AND LAMIZANA WILL REFRAIN FROM STATIONING TROOPS IN CONTESTED AREA AND EXPRESSED AMITY ANF FRATERNITY FOR EACH OTHER AS WELL AS FULSOME THANKS TO TOURE FOR HIS ROLE AS MEDIATOR.

3. IN RECORDED MESSAGE TOURE HAILED "POSITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS" AND PLACED CONAKRY CONFERENPR IN OAU CONTEXT AS LOGICAL FRUITION OF WORK BEGUN AT LOME. IN SEPARATE INTERVIEWS TRAORE TERMED DISPUTE A MISUNDERSTANDING AND STRESSED AFRICAN UNITY AS MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT OF MEETING WHILE LAMIZANA WAS GUARDEDLY POSITIVE AND ACCENTED CULTURAL ACCORD WITH GUINEA.

4. COMMENT: TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE CARRIED TRAORE AND LAMIZANA MUCH BEYOND CONSTRUCTIVE DIRECTION IN WHICH THEY WERE ALREADY MOVING. FACT THAT MEETING TOOK PLACE AT ALL AND THAT SEKOU TOURE PLAYED CENTRAL ROLE IS PROBABLY MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS STILL NO PUBLIC NEWS OF DURATION TOURE'S DRAMATIC FIRST TRIP ABROAD IN 8 YEARS (ASIDE FROM 24-HOUR VISIT MONROVIA IN 1972). UNDERSTAND GUINEAN "BALLETS AFRICAINS" TROUP HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO BAMAKO SUGGESTING TOUR OF SEVERAL DAYS INCLUDI
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BOTH OUAGADOUGOU AND BAMAKO. IMPLICATIONS FOR SEKOU TOURE'S INTERNATI
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